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AMENDMENTS

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Please add the following claims:

16. (Added) The spacer of claim 1 wherein the bone composition comprises cortical bone.

17. (Added) The spacer of claim 1 comprising an osteoinductive material.

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